

Members Present: Fran Yunazzi, Gary Miller, Amy Gibes, Tom Hood, Robin Wantoch, Ron Kilik

Members Absent: Chris Stephens, Steve Saunders

Meeting Started at 6:38pm

We opened with prayers and praises.

Tom shared a few reflections and thoughts on our relationship with God. All participated. We will finish our discussion on the book *Organic Outreach* at the next meeting.

Next topic on the agenda was church finances. Fran gave us an updated summary as of the end of 2018. The church is \$13,000 ahead of budget on revenue. Expenses have been lower than budgeted. Phil Rosborough (director of stewardship at GCC) will review recent giving history patterns and report back to the board.

Elder and staff retreat is 2/22-23 2019 at St. Mary's retreat center in Mundelein. Robin shared about our topic of prayer at the 2018 retreat. She mentioned that a follow up to this could be learning about what it means to be transformed/ have the mind Christ. As a board we will look into material that could be used as curriculum for the retreat and share what we find in the next few weeks.

Fran will make a list of the elders with the staff/directors they are assigned to meet with. Gary Miller offered to meet with Stacey Rowan, our preschool director.

We discussed where the board meetings will be held for 2019. Tom will send out the list.

Tom Hood will be ending his term on the board in June. We discussed prayerfully discerning who to ask to be on the board. Tom mentioned working with Pastors Chris and Brian on becoming an "outreach coordinator" in service with GCC after completing his time on the board.

Fran discussed the endowment fund meeting on 1/7/2018.

*A motion was made to approve the recommendation from the endowment fund committee to purchase the 3 ADA compliant doors, with installation and upgraded computer software in the Office, Bell Tower, and North East Sanctuary locations from an endowment fund disbursement. A motion was made to approve this by Robin and seconded by Ron. All members present approved.

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*A motion was made to approve the recommendation from the endowment fund committee of \$4000 to support Pastor Simon Muhota's need for an additional classroom at "Abba's House" orphanage/school in Kenya from the endowment fund disbursement request. A motion was made to approve this by Gary and seconded by Robin. All members present approved.

Robin asked if the board needed an extra meeting day to assemble Pastor Chris's review. Fran updated us on the process. Fran will look at how to organize the information/assessments we have and how the work on this will be handled. We will finalize the review at the Feb. 12th meeting. The actual review will be at the Feb. 26th board meeting which will be held at Amy Gibes's home.

Ended with state of the church.

Robin closed in prayer at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted in Christ's service
Amy Gibes
GCC Board Secretary